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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2015

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Norma Jean Sass *NJS*
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) 4.0 and the School Improvement Technology Planning Process

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2015-16 TRIG District Participation (TRIG 4.0). In order to be eligible, a district must meet four grant eligibility requirements. They are:

- Local districts and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) must demonstrate need by completing the Michigan Technology Readiness Assessment tool (MTRAx) by December 18, 2015.
- **Local districts and ISDs must agree to complete an updated technology readiness planning process designated by the MDE by June 30, 2016.**
- For an ISD to be eligible, the ISD must demonstrate that funds awarded on behalf of constituent districts will enable cost savings.
- Added consideration will be given to applicants that propose external partnerships and articulate plans for sustainability beyond grant funding.

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To clarify the technology readiness planning process requirement, and in order to be eligible for the TRIG 4.0 District Participation Grant, local districts and ISDs should:

- Submit the grant application in MEGS+ which provides agreement to the district participation requirements.
- Complete the MTRAx technology data submission.
- Tag technology-related activities within the local school and district improvement plan in ASSIST.

Collaboration between ISDs and district level technology directors, curriculum directors, and school improvement staff will support increased student achievement. Contact Ann-Marie Mapes, Mapesa@michigan.gov or Diane Fleming, Flemingd6@michigan.gov for additional information.